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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: EMBOFFS RAISED ISSUE OF NPW VISITS
TO MONACO WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY MARCH 9. FOREIGN
MINISTRY OFFICIALS UNDERTOOK TO EXAMINE QUESTION WITH
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THEIR LEGAL AUTHORITIES. END SUMMARY.

2. ON MARCH 9, POL/MIL OFFICER AND NAVAL ATTACHE CALLED
ON FOREIGN MINISTRY NUCLEAR AFFAIRS DIRECTOR LOUET AND
HIS ASSISTANT DEPAIGNE. DRAWING ON REF A, EMBOFF
POINTED OUT THAT NPW ISSUE HAS BEEN UNDER ACTIVE DIS-
CUSSION BETWEEN US AND GOF FOR SEVERAL YEARS. WE NOW

WISH TO RAISE A DIFFERENT ASPECT OF THE QUESTION BY ASKING THE GOF TO CONSIDER THE MERITS OF NPW VISITS TO MONACO. EMBOFF ACKNOWLEDGED THAT FRANCE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MONEGASQUE FOREIGN AND DEFENSE AFFAIRS, BUT NOTED THAT CURRENT US-GOF DISCUSSIONS CENTERED AROUND APPLICATION OF FRENCH DOMESTIC LAW. THUS ONE WAY TO PROVIDE SHORT-TERM RELIEF FOR NPW VISITS WOULD BE TO BYPASS FRENCH LEGAL ISSUE WITH CALLS IN MONACO. EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT US NPW TASK GROUP IS NOW IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. THAT WE WOULD LIKE, IF POSSIBLE, TO ARRANGE A VISIT TO MONACO IN APRIL. EMBOFF NOTED THAT WE HAVE NOT APPROACHED MONEGASQUE AUTHORITIES ON THIS QUESTION, PREFERRING INSTEAD TO FIRST SEEK GOF REACTION.

3. LOUET RESPONDED THAT THIS IDEA DID INDEED PRESENT A NEW ANGLE WHICH HAD NEVER OCCURRED TO HIM. HE COULD NOT ADDRESS WHAT THE LEGALITIES INVOLVED ARE, BUT WILL TAKE UP THE ISSUE WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY LEGAL OFFICERS. LOUET POINTED OUT THAT SOME FRENCH DOMESTIC LAWS (E.G., THE CIVIL CODE) DO APPLY IN MONACO.

4. DEPAIGNE ASKED IF IT WOULD BE TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE FOR LARGE SHIPS TO CALL AT MONACO. NAVAL ATTACHE POINTED OUT THAT SHIPS WOULD ANCHOR OFFSHORE AND THAT INDEED THE CARRIER SARATOGA HAD VISITED MONACO DURING SECRET

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5. NAVAL ATTACHE ALSO EXPLAINED ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES ACCRUING IN FRENCH PORTS WHEN USN SHIPS CALL.

6. COMMENT: WE CANNOT PREDICT WHAT GOF REACTION WILL BE. WE DOUBT THAT ANYTHING WILL BE FORTHCOMING UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTIONS ARE COMPLETED. HOWEVER, LOUET DID NOT REJECT THE MONACO IDEA A PRIORI AND SEEMED INTRIGUED.
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